

REMARKS

In response to the Final Office Action dated 12 September 2005, Applicant amends independent claims 21, 41, 54, and 67, and cancels independent claim 79. Applicant amended independent claim 21 to include the limitations of original claim 27, independent claim 41 to include the limitations of original claim 46, and independent claim 54 to include the limitations of original claim 64. In addition, Applicant amended independent claim 67 to include the limitations of original claim 46, which generally corresponds to original claims 71 and 72. Because the Examiner indicates in the Final Office Action that claims 27, 46, 64, 71, and 72 contain allowable subject matter, Applicant submits that the amended claims are now in condition for allowance.

In addition to the amendments to the independent claims, Applicant cancels claims 27, 46, and 64, and amends claims 28 and 47 – 49 to correct the claim dependencies in light of the canceled claims. In light of the enclosed amendments and the above remarks, Applicant requests that the Examiner reconsider the rejections and allow claims 21 – 26, 28 – 45, 47 – 63, and 65 – 78. Applicant notes that the Examiner has already allowed claims 1 – 20. Should any issues remain unresolved, Applicant requests that the Examiner call the undersigned so that any such issues may be resolved expeditiously.

Respectfully submitted,

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